

*Shield*  
a lubricant coating having a black appearance and a lubricity sufficient to suppress a surface friction, the lubricant coating being formed on each reinforcement member such that the lubricant coating and the shield coating are separated from each other by the reinforcement member.

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*Sub*  
*Q1*  
2. (Amended) The light shielding blade material according to claim 1, comprising two reinforcement members wherein a reinforcement member contains fibers aligned in parallel to fibers contained in the other reinforcement member, and wherein the substrate is composed of a plastic film being stretched bidirectionally in primary and secondary directions orthogonal to each other and being disposed relative to the reinforcement members such that the primary direction of the plastic film can be set at a desired angle relative to the alignment direction of the fibers.

Please cancel claim 3.

#### REMARKS

The Office Action of September 13, 2001 was received and carefully reviewed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the currently pending rejections is requested for the reasons advanced in detail below.

Claims 1-7 were pending prior to the instant amendment. By the above amendments, claims 1 and 2 have been amended and claim 3 canceled; consequently, claims 1, 2, and 4-7 remain pending in the instant application.

With regard to the Examiner's rejection of claims 2 under 35 U.S.C 112 (first paragraph) and claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. 112 (second paragraph), it is believed that the above amendments to the claims 1 and 2 overcome each of these rejections. Not particularly, that the features of claim 2 are explicitly shown in Example 9 of the specification.